

October 11, 2017

YOUTH OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
8:15 A.M.

**PARK FOUNDATION
CONFERENCE ROOM**

PRESENT: A. Hendrix, S. Kittel, K. Boardman

EXCUSED: A. Iles, I. Burbank, V. Zeppelin

STAFF: J. Mattick, J. Luu

CALL TO ORDER

Ms Hendrix called the meeting to order at 8:25. She introduced Francisco Paler. Large “Cisco” who recently joined County Youth Services. Cisco will be taking over the responsibilities that Caitlin Weems had when she was with the department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 21, 2017 minutes were deferred to November.

YOUTH DATA PROJECT UPDATE

An update will be provided at the next meeting.

AUGUST 9, 2017 RETREAT REPORT OUT

Ms. Kittle reported that following the retreat a group was going to get together to digest all of the materials, but that did not occur. The group took a few minutes to review the information from the retreat and began discussions of how to move some of the items that were identified forward.

WIOA YOUTH RFP DEVELOPMENT

The RFP has to be released by December and permission will be sought from the full Board at their December 12, 2017 meeting. The group has been in the process of identifying priorities they would like placed in the RFP such as pregnant and parenting teens, foster care youth, and individuals with disabilities/mental health issues.

Ms. Mattick distributed a reference sheet with terms that frequently used so members of the committee can get up to speed with references that are made within the WIOA law. She will also provide a list of definitions that are used within the law as well.

Ms. Mattick referenced the PY15 and PY16 WIOA Youth demographics report that was distributed and indicated she noted she needs to find out the definition of mental health disability; this is not a standalone category in OSOS. She stated that one in four youth served in the WIOA Youth program have a disability. She will also find out from staff what questions are asked to ascertain that a youth has a disability and what type of disability they have. It was noted that it isn't clear if “disability” includes mental health. The committee requested Ms. Mattick brings to the next meeting the application youth staff is using to determine eligibility.

It was also requested that the outreach and engagement plans for foster care and runaway homeless youth be looked at to see if the Committee needs to modify the direction they are moving in.

Ms. Mattick pointed out there is some overlap between this committee and the Services to Individuals with Disabilities Committee of the Board and suggested that Colleen Crisell from the Services Committee be invited to attend a meeting.

There was consensus of the group that the Request for Proposals that is being released in December will be written for a one year period with the option of a one-year renewal. This will allow the Committee time to further investigate some of the items they would like to see addressed moving forward.

The group also decided they would like to have discussions with staff that work with foster care youth at the Committee's January meeting. The Committee would like to have a conversation with those staff about how foster care youth can be better served with employment. Ms. Hendrix stated their outcomes should be reviewed as well.

SYEP UPDATE

Final reports for the Summer Youth Employment Program were distributed. The number of foster care youth served saw a modest increase from 3 to 8 over last year. Funding is expected to be fully expended and all of the providers have spent their allocations.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Ms. Mattick reported the WFDB has partnered with Challenge Workforce Solutions on a federal grant for funding to create a Disability Resource Navigator position to serve youth 14-24 years old and connecting youth to employment. The application was part New York State's overall application. She stated October is the start date, but she expects a more realistic date will be January 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 8:15 a.m. in the Park Foundation Conference Room.